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Inventor(s): Ravi Varma

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Title: MICROWAVE-ASSISTED STEAM STERILIZATION OF DENTAL AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

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- ( ) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
( ) No additional fee (Address enveloped to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")  
(X) Other: **PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE**

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INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		=	X \$43	\$
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$145	\$
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Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: August 16, 2004



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P. O. Box 1450  
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ATTENTION: Group Director, Group 3742 (M.P.E.P. § 1002.02(c))

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

NOTE: See M.P.E.P. § 708.02, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is  
over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petitioner is:

(Check one of the following)

- ☐ applicant's birth certificate  
☒ a declaration by the applicant that he/she is over 65 years of  
age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Dated this 16 day of August 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ravi Varma & Worth F. Vaughan

Application No.: 10/071,340

Group No.: 3742

Filed: 02/08/2002

Examiner:

For: Microwave-assisted steam sterilization of dental and surgical instruments

DECLARATION OF RAVI VARMA

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, Ravi Varma, hereby states:

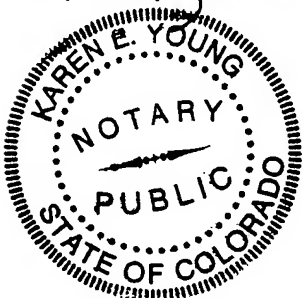
1. That I am the co-inventor of U.S. Non-provisional Application No. 10/071,340, entitled "Microwave-assisted steam sterilization of dental and surgical instruments," filed February 8, 2002 by Ravi Varma and Worth F. Vaughan.
2. That I was born on 10th June, 1933 in RAJAPUR, BIHAR, India.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

State of Colo, County of Boulder  
Signed before me on this 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of April, 2003 by Ravi Varma  
Notary Public Karen E. Young

Ravi Varma

Ravi Varma  
Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003



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